

**Remarks/Arguments**

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's finding that Claims 18-30 comprise allowable subject matter.

**The Rejection of Claims 31-35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

The Examiner rejected Claims 31-35 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the teachings of U.S. Patent No. 6,085,476 (Jantzi et al.) and U.S. Patent No. 4,620,404 (Rizk). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection inasmuch as the rejection may apply to amended Claim 31 and those depending therefrom.

Applicant has amended Claim 31 to recite the subject matter previously deemed allowable by the Examiner; namely, Claim 31 now recites that the method of constructing a building comprises utilizing modular blocks wherein each block comprises a channel in the top and bottom surfaces thereof. The top and bottom channels are inwardly adjacent the outer side of each block and form a conduit for containing a sealing means for sealing a formed wall from the elements.

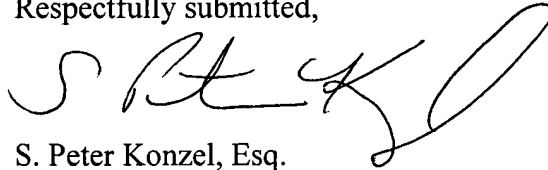
Reversal of the rejection is courteously requested.

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**Conclusion**

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance, which action is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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